

Calendar Notes for 2024

Lectionary

Sunday Year B Weekdays Year II

Cycle of Prayer

Home Mission day is now named *Evangelii Gaudium day*

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Advent/Christmas

2023

Sunday 3 December	First Sunday of Advent
Friday 8 December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 31 December	The Holy Family

2024

Monday 1 January	Mary, Mother of God
Sunday 7 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday 8 January	The Baptism of the Lord

Cycle of Prayer

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions
Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.

Migrants' Day	Sunday 3 December
Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 24 December

Ordinary Time – Winter

Sunday 14 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday 2 February	The Presentation of the Lord
Sunday 11 February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (last Sunday before Lent)

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

Peace Day	Sunday 14 January [2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	18–25 January
Sunday of the Word of God	Sunday 21 January [3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Racial Justice Day	Sunday 28 January [3 Sundays before 1st Sunday of Lent]
Day for Victims of Trafficking	Thursday 8 February [St Josephine Bakhita]
World Day for the Sick	Sunday 11 February
Day for the Unemployed	Sunday 11 February [Sunday before 1st Sunday of Lent]

Lent

Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 18 February	1st Sunday of Lent
Friday 1 March	St David
Tuesday 19 March	St Joseph

Cycle of Prayer

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

Candidates for the Sacraments	especially on the Sundays of Lent
Women's World Day of Prayer	Friday 1 March [1st Friday in March]
Lent Fast Day	Friday 23 February [Friday 1st week of Lent]

Easter

Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday
Monday 8 April	The Annunciation of the Lord
Tuesday 23 April	St George
Thursday 9 May	The Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 19 May	Pentecost

Cycle of Prayer

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Human Work; Vocations; Survivors of Abuse; The Right Use of the Media; the Church.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Sunday 21 April [4th Sunday of Easter]
Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Tuesday 30 April [Tuesday 5th week of Easter]
St Joseph the Worker	Wednesday 1 May
World Communications Day	Sunday 12 May [7th Sunday of Easter]
The Church	especially at Pentecost, 19 May

Ordinary Time – Summer

Monday 20 May	Mary, Mother of the Church — Memorial [Week 7 in OT (Psalter Week III)]
Thursday 23 May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest Feast (in England and Wales)
Sunday 26 May	The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 2 June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Friday 7 June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 9 June	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 24 June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sunday 30 June	St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 6 August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Summer), i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for these intentions:
A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

Day for Life	Sunday 16 June [3rd Sunday in June]
St John Fisher and St Thomas More	Saturday 22 June
Europe	[St Benedict, St Bridget and St Teresa Benedicta as below, also [Sts Cyril and Methodius (14 February)] & St Catherine of Siena (29 April).]
St Benedict	Thursday 11 July
St Bridget	Tuesday 23 July
St Teresa Benedicta of Cross	Friday 9 August
Sea Sunday	Sunday 14 July [2nd Sunday in July]

Ordinary Time – Autumn

Saturday 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Friday 1 November	All Saints
Saturday 2 November	All Souls
Saturday 9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sunday 24 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Autumn), i.e. from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions:
Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Sunday 1 September
Education Day	Sunday 8 September [2nd Sunday in September]
Evangelii Gaudium Day	Sunday 15 September [3rd Sunday in September]
The Harvest, etc.	Sunday 22 September [Sunday between 22–28 September] or whenever Harvest Festivals are held.
Harvest Fast Day	Friday 4 October [1st Friday in October]
Prisons Week	13–19 October [2nd Week in October]
World Mission Day	Sunday 20 October [penultimate Sunday in October]
Remembrance Day	Sunday 10 November [2nd Sunday in November]
World Day of the Poor	Sunday 17 November [33rd Sunday in OT]
Youth Day	Sunday 24 November [Christ the King]

Advent/Christmas

Sunday 1 December	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 9 December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 25 December	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 29 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Cycle of Prayer

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Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

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Expectant Mothers	especially on 4th Sunday of Advent, 22 December